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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

02/01/2021

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to amend the following Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver:

- HCBS Waiver for Persons with Disabilities – IL 0142

The purpose of this amendment is to correct errors in J-2-d and to request an increase in the Homemaker (in-home service) rate from \$21.84 to \$23.40, effective April 1, 2021. The rate increase is in response to legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly (GA) in SB264. The implementation of the rate increase was delayed from January 1 to April 1 in response to budget reductions announced by Governor Pritzker on December 15, 2020.

Illinois seeks public input on this proposed Waiver Amendment to the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Disabilities through two separate statements of public notice and input.

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>.
- 2) A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the two methods of notification, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, the operating agency of the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Disabilities, stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Pages/default.aspx> or may be requested by calling 217/557-0997. Copies are also available at the following locations:

Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
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Healthcare and Family Services
401 South Clinton
Chicago, IL 60607

HFS is accepting public input regarding the proposed amendment of the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Disabilities for a 30-day public comment period from 02/01/21 through 03/02/21. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS web portal email address at HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov or mail their written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
ATTN: Waiver Management
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the amendment. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver amendment and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.